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1. CHAIRMAN OF UN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN
(SRI LANKA PERMREP FERNANDO) HAS APPROACHED USUN (REFTEL A)
FOR UPDATE ON STATUS OF INDIAN OCEAN TALKS. HE NOTED THAT
HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM NON-ALIGNED TO PROD US AND USSR

TO RESUME TALKS. WHEN ASKED BY FERNANDO, SMUN HAS SAID US WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAY IN THE TALKS.

2. USUN SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS TO FERNANDO. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO GIVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT TO AD HOC COMMITTEE:

-- PRESIDENT CARTER HAS RECENTLY REITERATED US INTEREST IN AN INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT.

-- THE US CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION AND WOULD BE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL STATES CONCERNED. WE BELIEVE THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

-- UNFORTUNATELY RECENT EVENTS IN THE REGION, NOT CAUSED BY THE US, HAVE RESULTED IN A SLOWDOWN IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

-- THE US BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT WHILE THE TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS BOTH THE US AND THE USSR EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN THEIR MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION. THIS WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

-- FOR ITS PART THE US REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE GOALS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE KEEPING THE SITUATION UNDER CONFIDENTIAL

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CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND WILL SEEK TO RESUME THE TALKS WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE APPROPRIATE.

3. REFTTEL B PROVIDES FULLER EXPLANATION OF US POSITION. WE CONTINUE TO WISH TO AVOID A PUBLIC PROPAGANDA BATTLE WITH THE SOVIETS ON THIS ISSUE. CHRISTOPHER

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